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THIS NEWPORT MERCURY was established in June 1828 and is now in its hundred and forty-fifth year. It is the oldest newspaper in the United States, and with less than half a dozen exceptions, the oldest printed in the English language. It has long been a weekly of forty-eight columns, filled with interesting reading—editorial, state, local and general news, well selected miscellany and valuable farmers' and household departments. Reaching so many households in this and other states, the limited space given to advertising is very valuable to business men.

- Societies Occupying Mercury Hall**
- NATHAN LORGE, No. 10, N. E. O. P., John P. Sanborn, Warden; James H. Giddens, Secretary; meets 1st and 3d Thursday evenings in each month.
 - THE NEWPORT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, Richard Gardner, President; Thomas Fieldhouse, Secretary; meets 1st and 3d Wednesday evenings of each month.
 - NEWPORT LODGE, No. 11, K. of P., David Jones, Chancellor; Commander, Robert H. Franklin, Keeper of Records and Seal; meets every Friday evening.
 - DAVIS DIVISION, No. 8, U. R. K. of P., St. Knight Captain, George A. Wilcox; Everett L. Gordon, Recorder; meets first Friday evening in each month.
 - NEWPORT GYM, No. 707, M. W. A., A. A. Pogo, Vice-Comd; Charles H. Tucker, Clerk. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month.
 - LADIES' AUXILIARY, Ancient Order of Hibernians, meets second and fourth Thursday in each month.

Local Matters.

Going to Mexico.

Col. A. A. Barker of this city will start next August for Mexico where he has been appointed manager of the large plantation owned and operated by the La Estrella Coffee Company, the stock of which is principally held by residents of Concord, N. H., and Providence. Col. Barker has but recently returned from Mexico where he has been looking over the ground and getting ready for the fall work. Just at present he is engaged in buying machinery for the coffee and sugar plant.

Col. Barker is a director of the company and manager of the plantation. His duties will require him to be in Mexico six or seven months in the year and the rest of the time he will spend in looking after the company's interests in this part of the country. The plantation comprises about 5000 acres, on which are about 250,000 coffee trees besides rubber trees and sugar cane. The coffee trees are young and are just beginning to come in, giving a small yield last year, a larger one this year, and expected to yield several times as much next year. The product of this plantation is shipped direct to the New York market bearing the special brand of the company. The plantation is located near the town of Toxopee in the state of Oaxaca.

Col. Barker will have the active management of all the affairs of the company and his assistant will be an Englishman, but all the laborers, of whom there are several hundred, are Mexicans. He thinks that this part of Mexico has great possibilities both in agriculture and minerals and its development is wholly due to American enterprise.

Royal Arcanum.

The three days' silver anniversary of the Royal Arcanum came to an end last Monday night with a grand rally at the Infantry Hall, Providence. Some twenty-five members of the Order of this city were present. They made the trip to and from Providence in one of Champion's launches, arriving home about 2 a. m. The exercises were of a high order of merit. Among the prominent members of the Order on the platform were Past Grand Regent Robert S. Franklin and Andrew K. McMahon.

Sunday evening the members of the Order Council turned out in large numbers to attend church at the Central Baptist, Rev. Mr. Beckley, pastor.

The statistics of the Order show that there are now 1990 Councils in forty-three States and provinces. During the 25 years there has been paid to the beneficiaries of 24,625 deceased members the sum of \$71,114,585.14. There are now 245,000 members of which Rhode Island has 1,935.

Mrs. F. W. Marshall and Mrs. Alex. J. Fludder have been in Providence the past week attending the graduating exercises at the Friends' school.

For Independence Day.

The indications are the Fourth of July will be a fittingly celebrated in this city this year. The city council committee has been busily engaged in making up the programme for the day. Many of the public events, including the street parade, will take place in the morning, as there is a picnic arranged by the Central Labor Union for the afternoon.

The celebration of the day will open by a salute by the gun squad of the Newport Artillery at 8 o'clock and the church bells will be rung from 8 to 9:30. The entire race in the harbor will take place at 9 o'clock. At 10 o'clock there will be a large street parade composed of the troops from Fort Adams, the apprentices from the Training Station, the Newport Artillery and possibly other local organizations. If the ships of the North Atlantic squadron are in the harbor at that time the men will participate in the parade. Colonel John H. Wetherell will be the marshal of the parade.

There will be two games of baseball between local teams, one game at 11 o'clock and the other at 1 o'clock. In the afternoon there will be a cut boat race in the bay under the auspices of the Newport Yacht Club, starting at 2 o'clock. Beginning at noon and again at six o'clock the church bells will be rung for 30 minutes. In the evening there will be fireworks and band concert at Morton Park and Fort Greene.

On the Fourth of July, too, will be held the annual meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati in the old State House at 11:30 a. m. The commemorative celebration of Independence Day, which the society has held annually since its institution in 1781, will take place in the representatives hall at 3 p. m. with the usual interesting ceremonies, to which the public is invited. The Declaration of Independence will be read by Gen. Hazard Stevens of Boston, a member of the society, and the orator of the day will be Prof. William Brewster Greene, Jr., of Princeton, N. J., whose subject will be "The Significance of the Battle of Guilford Court House," the turning point in the southern campaign of the War of the Revolution, a theme of special interest to Rhode Islanders, as the American commander in the battle was the great Rhode Island General Nathaniel Greene, who was afterward the first President of the Cincinnati in Rhode Island.

The annual banquet will take place at the Newport Casino in the evening. The Governor of Rhode Island, the Mayor of Newport, Senator Wetmore and other distinguished guests being present, and the 13 toasts customary at the annual dinners of the Cincinnati since the Revolution being proposed. There will be several new members elected at the annual meeting. Gen. Comte de Chalendar of the French Army, who was one of the Rochambeau delegation from France which recently visited Newport, is an applicant for membership, as are also the Comte de Bougainville and the Marquis du Quesne, who are the oldest living descendants of high officers of the French auxiliary army of the Revolution, who became original members of the Cincinnati.

Early Sunday morning, before many people had risen for the day, the Newport Naval Reserve Company marched up Thames street to the railroad station on their way to Pawtucket where they had been ordered to assist in maintaining order. The orders calling the Newport Company were issued late Saturday and Lieutenant Charles E. Lawton, the company commander, quickly notified his men that they must be on hand Sunday morning. Every available man responded and the command reached the city of Pawtucket Sunday forenoon, relieving some of the troops that have been guarding the city.

Mr. Charles M. Cole has recently made quite extensive alterations to his store on Thames street, which have resulted in a much improved appearance of the premises. A new plate glass front has been installed, giving opportunity for an attractive window display. The interior has also been thoroughly renovated and Mr. Cole has now the most attractive drug store on Thames street.

Former Chief of Police Pardon S. Kaull, who has been spending a few days in this city, started Thursday evening for San Antonio, Texas, where he is negotiating a contract for street pavement. From Texas Mr. Kaull will make a long jump to Helena, Montana, and hopes to return to Newport in August to spend a portion of the summer with his family.

Mrs. Charles Achorn was knocked down by a bicyclist on Broadway Tuesday evening and was considerably shaken up and bruised.

Mr. Amory Austin has gone to East Hebron, Mass.

Wound was Fatal.

Anthony S. Sherman, Cashier of the Merchants Bank, Died on Thursday.

After suffering for nearly a week Anthony S. Sherman died at his residence on Kay street at an early hour Thursday morning as the result of a self-inflicted wound in the head. Ever since the fatal shot was fired about 5 o'clock on June 19 he had been in a precarious condition, and although there was some expectation that he might recover he gradually sank until he passed away. On account of the unusual circumstances surrounding the affair much interest was manifested in his condition and the daily reports from his bedside were awaited with feverish interest.

Mr. Sherman had been a prominent citizen of Newport. Born here fifty-two years ago, the son of Catherine and the late William B. Sherman, he had passed almost his whole life in Newport. At an early age he began his banking career as a clerk in the Newport National Bank, leaving there to accept a position in the Metropolitan National Bank of New York. Upon the retirement of the late Charles D. Hammett as cashier of the Merchants Bank in this city Mr. Sherman was called to fill his position and for the last 30 years has retained this post until the bank's doors were finally closed on Thursday of last week.

Besides his duties as cashier of the Merchants Bank Mr. Sherman transacted a large insurance business and also acted as agent for investments. He was frequently urged to run for public office and was often spoken of as a prospective candidate for mayor but would never accept other office than that of a member of the school board, which position he filled satisfactorily for several years. He was for many years treasurer of the Newport & Weymouth Railroad and Steamboat Company but was succeeded a few months ago by Mr. George Gordon King.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Phoebe J. Sherman, daughter of the late Thomas T. Carr, but no children. One brother, Mr. William B. Sherman, Jr., and one sister, Mrs. William S. Sherman, and his mother also survive him.

Steamer Islander arrived from Providence last Monday evening, bringing about fifty members of Mount Pleasant Lodge, I. O. O. F., on a fraternal visit to Rhode Island Lodge of this city. The visit had a special significance, as the guests brought the "bundle of sticks" which was presented to the local lodge and will later be turned over by them to some other lodge in this jurisdiction. During the evening speeches were made by guests and hosts and a collation was served. Music was furnished by a quartet consisting of Messrs. Walker, Rankin, Peckham and Tilley.

Nathan W. Littlefield, Jr., son of Hon. Nathan W. Littlefield, of Pawtucket, formerly principal of the Newport High School, and late Democratic candidate for Governor of this State, was married this week to Miss Alice H. Simmons, of Central Falls. Young Littlefield is a graduate of Brown University and a civil engineer by profession. The home of the young couple will be in Newark, N. J., where the groom is employed as a civil engineer for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company.

A number of the summer residents of Newport have requested Chief of Police Richards to enforce the state and city laws in regard to the speed of automobiles, calling his attention to the discomforts, annoyances, and danger to life which this community suffered last summer from the reckless and illegal manner in which automobiles were driven over the public highway. Chief Richards has announced his intention of doing his full duty in preventing illegal speed of automobiles.

Mrs. W. C. Simmons of Middletown has presented to the Natural History Society a valuable collection of seaweeds from this locality, all carefully arranged and bound in one book. The names, etc., of the different species were attached by Mr. Frank T. Collins of Malden, Mass. It has taken years to make the collection and the society deeply appreciates the value of the gift. A vote of thanks has been extended to Mrs. Collins.

An alarm from Box 21 called a portion of the fire department to West Broadway and Callender avenue about two o'clock Tuesday morning, but it was found that there was no fire, an upset candle having been the cause of the alarm.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford A. Titus announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lydia M. Titus, to Mr. Alfred M. West, son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. West.

Contractor McCormick has begun work on the new public bath house at the Esplanade, which is the gift of Mr. T. M. Davis to the city.

How to be Cool.

The kitchen is a disagreeable place in hot weather and is a good spot to avoid as much as possible while the summer season lasts. The cooking of meats and other hot dishes is unpleasant and the effects of eating them also tends to increase the temperature of the body. Fat meats and rich foods are not the best for warm weather and yet the body requires nourishment as much as in winter. The combinations of "palate-tickling" delicacies that can be evolved with the aid of Shredded Wheat Biscuit are almost endless, and yet this food is highly nourishing, containing all the elements necessary to replenish the human system. As a breakfast food, or in combination with strawberries, bananas or other fruit for luncheon or supper, shredded wheat is delicious. The Natural Food Company of Niagara Falls, whose new and extensive plant for the preparation of this biscuit was described in the Mercury a few months ago, will send for the asking an illustrated cook book containing directions for preparing hundreds of tempting dishes with the aid of Shredded Wheat Biscuit.

Chinese Mission.

It has been thought best by the teachers and superintendent of the Chinese Sunday school in connection with the work at the Newport City Mission to close the school for a few weeks during the hot weather to give a rest to those who have labored so earnestly and well Sunday after Sunday during all the winter months. This school started last August and very much has been accomplished and we trust that after a few weeks' rest it will open again with renewed strength and vigor. The other services at the Mission will go on as usual, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings of each week at 8 o'clock. Those who feel called to assist in these meetings will be gladly welcomed.

The new lock boxes for the post office have been installed and present quite a showy appearance. The new boxes are somewhat larger than the old. When the entire work of renovating the post office is completed, its appearance will be so greatly changed that old patrons would hardly recognize it. In the meantime the temporary arrangements are not so inconvenient for the public—as one might expect, although all will be glad when the old lobby is again ready for use. One item that might profitably be added to the improvements under way is the erection of a rail in front of the general delivery and carriers' windows to prevent the indiscriminate crowding that sometimes occurs.

The summer schedule of the Providence, Fall River & Newport Steamboat Co. goes into effect on Sunday next. Three boats will leave Newport, daily, for Providence, Sundays excepted at 7, 11:30 and 5 p. m., returning leave Providence for Newport 9:00 a. m. and 2:00 and 5:00 p. m. Commencing Sundays, June 23, boats will leave Newport Sundays, at 8:00, 11:30 and 5 p. m., returning, leave Providence 10:00 a. m., 2:00 and 8:00 p. m. The first a. m. boat from Newport and last p. m. boat from Providence stop at Conanicut and Providence Parks, daily, Sundays included; also 9 a. m. from Providence and 5 p. m. from Newport, Tuesdays and Fridays for passengers only.

Last week news was received of the death at Richmond, Va., of Rev. Kenzie Johns Stewart, formerly of this city, at an advanced age of about ninety years. He was a member of St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of this city. He left Newport before the war, going South. He was rector of Emmanuel church from 1851 to 1855.

The tax bill for 1902 is now in the hands of the Tax Collector and all taxes must be paid on or before August 31, 1902. All taxes not paid at that date shall carry, until collected, a penalty at the rate of 12 per centum per annum. The tax collector will be at his office from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

The graduating exercises of the Friends' School, Providence, took place on Tuesday morning, commencing at ten o'clock, and were very largely attended. The valedictory was delivered by Miss Barry. After the exercises luncheon was served in the gymnasium hall.

The annual list of cottage owners and rentals in Newport and Jamestown, issued annually by Simon Hart, has made its appearance for the season of 1902, and as usual is an attractive and convenient booklet.

Yesterday, Friday, morning, Mr. Wm. R. Hunter and party, including Mrs. Hunter, left for Providence with a four-in-hand for a drive through Rhode Island to Pawtucket, Conn., and elsewhere, to be gone a week.

Mrs. I. P. White has sailed for London and will spend the summer abroad.

The Merchants Bank.

The Condition of the Wrecked Institution is Worse than was at First Expected.

Every day there are new developments which make the total wreck of the Merchants Bank appear worse than was at first expected. It was known that the bank's business was badly entangled but it was hardly thought that the effects of its failure and the ensuing complications would be as far-reaching as they have proved to be. The personal business affairs of Anthony Sherman are also no less seriously involved and the indications are that the smash will be complete with practically nothing left to be divided among the creditors.

As a result of the application to Governor Kimball for a commission to investigate the condition of the bank, he last week appointed State Auditor Charles C. Gray and Charles E. Blake as a commission and these gentlemen have been busily engaged in the task of trying to ascertain the exact condition of the bank. A pass book of depositors have been called in for examination and every effort is being made to secure a correct statement as soon as possible. Although the commission have no information that they can give out at present it is certain that there was practically no cash found in the bank and the assets will be almost nothing except the bank building on Thames street. The liabilities are estimated at anywhere from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Residents of Newport county outside the city were more generally involved in the ruin than were the Newporters, although a number of the smaller business establishments and some individuals and estates were depositors there. Many Block Islanders carried their deposits there and of course lost practically all they had in the bank, the deposits varying in size from a few dollars to a thousand dollars and several accounts being in the neighborhood of \$500. Had the smash occurred in August the loss to Block Island would have been heavy, but at this time of year the bank balances from that town are comparatively small. At one time the Merchants Bank had practically the whole of Block Island's bank deposit but in late years a number of the business men there have taken warning and transferred their accounts to other banks.

The personal affairs of Mr. Sherman are in probably no less complicated a state. The insurance companies for which he was agent have had inspectors here looking over the business and find that the premiums on many policies, amounting to about \$5,000, much of which has apparently been paid to Mr. Sherman, have never been turned over to the companies. They will probably lose a considerable amount.

A considerable sum of money was also entrusted to Mr. Sherman for investment, for which securities were not turned over to the purchaser, although it was reported to them that the purchase had been made. The investors are now endeavoring to learn if their names appear on the books of the various companies, apparently with not much reward for their efforts.

Attachments have been placed on the bank's property by Mrs. H. M. Brooks and by Mr. William B. Sherman, Jr., and an attachment for \$6000 has been placed on the property of Mr. William B. Sherman, Jr., as endorser of a note, by Mr. Anthony Stewart.

It will probably be a considerable time before any definite and accurate statement of the total assets and liabilities of the bank or of Mr. Sherman personally can be made, but in the meantime those who have had dealings with the institution are trying to bring themselves to a philosophical realization that they have lost all that they had invested.

An old folks' concert in the chapel of the United Congregational church last Tuesday evening netted a considerable sum to the guild house, as well as furnishing much amusement to those present. At the conclusion of the entertainment ice cream was served and home made candy was on sale.

The annual Rose and Strawberry Show by the Newport Horticultural Society at Odd Fellows' Hall this week was up to the usual high standard set by the society. Many of the summer residents had the products of their gardens on exhibition and the hall presented a very attractive appearance.

Mr. Edward T. Molden, who recently tendered his resignation as organist of the First Presbyterian Church, leaves for New York July 1st to enter the house of Ernest M. Ekman, organ builders, where he has accepted a position.

His Excellency, the Governor of Massachusetts, Hon. W. Murray Crane, has appointed Clarence H. Wrightington, of this city, a Commissioner of Deeds for Massachusetts in Rhode Island.

Mr. George Harrocks is able to walk out daily and is steadily improving.

Wedding Bells.

McNamara-Corcoran.

St. Joseph's Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding Wednesday, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Mary A. Corcoran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Corcoran, to Mr. Thomas F. McNamara, Rev. Father Deady officiating. The sanctuary was tastefully decorated with plants and flowers. The bride looked very pretty in a gown of white Duchesse satin. She wore a long tulle veil and her bouquet was of white roses. Miss Nellie Corcoran, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid and wore batiste made over pink silk. She wore a white hat and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Mr. W. Brady, of New York, performed the duties of best man and the ushers were Messrs. M. J. Corcoran, James J. Callahan, John M. Callahan and Nelson H. Barnes.

There was music by the regular choir, assisted by Mrs. Spooner, Mr. John Greene accompanying on the violin. A wedding breakfast followed at the home of the bride's parents, followed by a very largely attended reception. The bride was the recipient of many lovely and costly gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. McNamara left in the afternoon for a wedding trip to Boston and Washington.

Johnson-Yancey.

Miss Octavia Butler Yancey was married to Mr. Nathaniel Burke Johnson at the Shiloh Baptist Church Tuesday evening in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. Rev. Henry N. Jeter, pastor of the church, officiated. The bride wore a gown of white silk and carried a bouquet of white roses. Her attendant was Miss Ida Harley and Mr. Herbert L. Williams was best man. The ushers were Messrs. Henry Allen, Paul Yancey and Andrew Tate.

The wedding marches were played by Organist Jeter.

A reception followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson on 11th court and was very largely attended. A delightful programme of music was rendered during the evening. The presents were useful and pretty.

Spooner-McCormick.

Wednesday morning at St. Mary's Church occurred the marriage of Miss Christina A. McCormick to Mr. George H. Spooner, Rev. Father Meenan officiating. The bride wore a dress of bright colored nun's veiling, with a picture hat to match. Miss Kathleen McCormick, her sister, acted as bridesmaid, and wore a dress similar to that of the bride. Mr. James Burke was the best man and the ushers were Messrs. W. J. McCormick and Arthur Marvel.

A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's aunt on Spring street, followed by a short reception, which was largely attended. The presents sent to the bride were most numerous and beautiful. Mr. and Mrs. Spooner left on the 11 o'clock train for a wedding trip.

First Lieutenant Louis M. Little, United States Marine corps, son of Lieutenant and Mrs. W. McCarty Little, who has been on duty in the Philippines since November, 1899, has arrived home.

Mrs. William F. Marshall has arrived in Newport to spend the summer. Mrs. Marshall is a native of Newport, but spends the winter months at the home of her son, Mr. Ferdinand S. Reed in New Bedford.

The chauffeur of Alfred G. Vanderbilt was yesterday fined \$10 and costs for violation of the city ordinance in regard to the speed of automobiles.

Master Willie Marshall has returned from Friends' school, Providence, to spend the summer with his mother, Mrs. F. W. Marshall.

Mr. Arthur E. Burland has returned from Rochester, N. Y., where he has been to visit his brother, who is very seriously ill there.

Mrs. Arthur E. Burland, accompanied by her children, has gone to visit her parents in Woodstock, Ontario, Canada.

Election of Officers.

- Local Union, No. 2, Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers.**
- President—John P. Casey.
 - Vice President—Thomas E. Morgan.
 - Financial Secretary—James M. Kirwin.
 - Recording Secretary—William Williamson.
 - Corresponding Secretary—Edward J. O'Connell.
 - Treasurer—Michael P. Vaughan.
 - Sergeant-at-Arms—Thomas Jernigan.
 - Attendance Committee—John P. Casey, M. Poorman, James Hollins.
- Local Union, No. 534, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America.**
- President—James J. O'Hearne.
 - Vice President—Alfred C. Cornelis.
 - Financial Secretary—Michael Sullivan.
 - Recording Secretary—Harry Perlick.
 - Conductor—William H. Speltz.
 - Warden—Herman Arnold.
 - Treasurer—John Mulvihill, F. J. Sander, J. C. Walsh.
- Channing Memorial Church.**
- President—Charles T. Hopkins.
 - Secretary—William W. Covell.
 - Treasurer—Henry C. Stevens.
 - Tenets for three years, Thomas B. Cogdon, William W. Covell, Mrs. William Stevens.

TO DEEP ANXIETY

England's Jubilation Takes a Sudden Turn

KING IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Even If He Should Recover the Coronation Ceremony Cannot Be Performed For Months—Queen Bears the Strain With Brave Spirit

London, June 27.—The following bulletin was posted at Buckingham palace at 11 o'clock last night:

"The king has passed a fairly comfortable day and has maintained his strength. There is a returning desire for food which has been very carefully given. There has been some return of pain in the wound."

London, June 25.—With dramatic suddenness King Edward VII has been stricken down upon the eve of his coronation. He now lies in a critical state at Buckingham palace.

"The king is suffering from a violent inflammation of the intestines, due to the seat of trouble, instead of being in the normal condition of having the infection therefrom has been in the stomach and intestines."

The king's doctors believe that his majesty would have been dead before now except for the operation. His condition became so alarming Monday night that at one time it was feared death might ensue before the surgeon's knife could afford him relief. Intense swelling of the intestines, accompanied by alarming symptoms of morbid reaction, constituted the emergency which demanded an immediate operation. To the last the king tried to avoid this, and he was willing to be carried to the altar for the coronation ceremony in order that it should occur as arranged.

The influence of Queen Alexandra was enlisted, however, and at an early hour in the morning the royal patient was prepared for the operation which, even in the skillful hands of England's best surgeons, was fraught with grave danger.

Shortly before 2 o'clock in the afternoon the king was moved from his couch to the operating table and the anæsthetic was administered. Dr. Treves made the incision near the patient's groin and carried it upward with an outward curve for nearly four inches. The obstruction was removed and a tubing was placed in the affected intestine.

King Edward's first words when he returned to consciousness were in ask for "George," and the Prince of Wales, who was waiting in the next room, was immediately admitted to his father's presence.

While the operation was being performed the great central courtyard of Buckingham palace was utterly deserted and an impressive silence reigned throughout the building. Then the word was passed around that "all had gone well."

Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour then went in to congratulate Queen Alexandra and afterward an informal and perhaps historic discussion occurred between the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cornwall and Lord Salisbury, Mr. Balfour and several other members of the cabinet.

A brief notice has been published in The Gazette as a result of which the entire state social and business arrangements throughout the country are paralyzed. The order issued from the earl marshal's office and reads as follows:

"I have to announce that the solemnity of the coronation of their majesties, King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, is postponed from the 26th to a date hereafter to be determined."

The best informed opinion places the date of the coronation in about three months' time, providing King Edward progresses well in the meantime.

Queen Alexandra has borne the strain of the past week with the bravest spirit. She was always fearful of what might happen. Her majesty took her part in the festivities at Ascot and elsewhere without revealing any sign of her inward anxiety, and when she was told yesterday that an operation was imperative and that the coronation would have to be postponed, she quietly answered: "Have I not felt that this would happen," and asked "how does the king bear it?" Upon receiving an assuring reply Queen Alexandra exerted herself to appear cheerful and to devise means to lessen the king's grief and disappointment.

New Railroad in Vermont

Manchester, Vt., June 26.—A charter has been authorized by the secretary of state for the building of a new steam railroad, to be known as the Manchester, Dorset and Granite railroad. The capital stock is to be \$350,000. Surveys will begin on the road at once. It will be 23 miles long, over easy grades, running through a rich farming country and near large marble and slate quarries.

Arrests in Sanitarium Disposer

Chicago, June 24.—O. E. Miller, president, and Henry C. Davis, general manager of St. Luke's society, were held responsible last night by the coroner's jury for the fire at the sanitarium which cost 11 lives. Both men were arrested.

Twenty-Five Killed by Lightning

Madrid, June 25.—While a funeral was being held in a church at Pinarlo yesterday, the building was struck by lightning, and as a result 25 persons were killed and 35 were injured.

Lydia Sawyer's Queer Caper

Baltimore, June 27.—Lydia Lotia Sawyer, the woman who, under the name of Herman G. Wood, married Mrs. Ernestine L. Rauek, and was arrested Wednesday, was released last night. Still attired in men's clothing "Wood" left the station and later was seen in a saloon.

WITHOUT KNOWN MOTIVE

Martin Glass Takes Brother's Life and Attempts to Kill Mother

Dover, N. H., June 26.—Martin A. Glass shot and killed his brother, George W. Glass, last night, at No. 10 Kirkland street, and so seriously assaulted his mother, Mrs. Mary P. Glass, by striking her over the head with the butt of his revolver and then pushing her through a window of the house, that she is now in a critical condition.

Martin made his escape from the house after the tragedy, but was captured two hours later at Madbury, three miles away, and brought to this city and locked up. No motive for the crime is apparent, and in view of the fact that Martin has acted peculiarly for some time past and that his father took his own life several years ago, it is thought he may have been partially deranged.

When locked up the prisoner said he did not remember laying any trouble with his brother or his mother and denied all knowledge of having shot or assaulted them. Martin is said to have done but little work for two years past.

Yale-Harvard Aquatic Contest

New London, Conn., June 27.—Howling within 30 seconds of record time the Yale "Varsity" crew yesterday afternoon lowered the colors of the fastest eight that Harvard has yet produced. Yale won by four boat lengths. Yale's time was 20:20. Harvard's, 20:25. In the four-oared race the colors of Harvard were borne to the front. The Cambridge four won by 2 1/2 lengths. In the freshmen race Yale's crew led over the last mile until within a few feet of the finish, where the Harvard crew by a magnificent spurt jumped their shell up even with the blue. The judges were compelled to decide that the race was a draw.

Attempt to Wreck Car

Providence, June 26.—A charge of dynamite placed on the tracks of the United Traction company, exploded last night under a suburban car at Attitash. A wheel was torn off and the trap door in the flooring was blown into the air. The two passengers were badly frightened, but they were uninjured. This is the second instance within a few weeks where powerful explosives were used to wreck cars.

Thrasher Got \$11,520

Washington, June 25.—F. H. Thrasher, who testified before the senate Cuban committee regarding payments received from the military government in Cuba for the promotion of reciprocity sentiment, yesterday sent a letter to Chief Justice Taft, saying he desired to correct his testimony so as to make it show that he received four vouchers of \$2880 each, or \$11,520 in all.

Pawtucket Has Quietest Day

Pawtucket, R. I., June 26.—The last remaining troops of the state militia which was ordered here two weeks ago to suppress riots brought about in connection with the street railway employees' strike departed last night. The restoration of order by the local authorities during the last week brought about results satisfactory alike to both troops and people.

Each Side Seeking Advantage

Washington, June 25.—Secretary Root declines to discuss the details of Governor Taft's negotiations at Rome until they are complete. They are proceeding steadily, each side seeking to make the best possible bargain, with the result that there have been several exchanges since the original proposition of Governor Taft touching the "fish" lands.

Cornell Got Everything

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 25.—Cornell has won the greatest triumph of her history in boating. The Ithacaas literally swept the Hudson, winning all three events in the inter-collegiate regatta, the "varsity," the freshmen and the four-oared races. In each race the crews coached by Courtney failed to fight all the way from start to finish for victory.

Lodge Gets a Degree

New Haven, June 26.—The Yale commencement day banquet was held yesterday afternoon. Among the speakers was Senator Lodge, upon whom the degree of doctor of laws had been conferred. Mr. Lodge said that no honor could be more highly appreciated by a Harvard alumnus than to be given an honorary degree by Yale university.

Conductor Crushed to Death

Hartford, June 25.—Frank Sarven, aged 24, a conductor on the West Hartford trolley line, was crushed to death between two cars on a switch last night. Sarven had signalled the motor-man on his car to proceed before another car on the main line had passed, and he was crushed to death before either car could be stopped.

Color Line in Cuba

Havana, June 24.—At a meeting of the colored inhabitants of Cuba, held here yesterday, they voted to petition the Cuban congress to annul the existing military orders which make distinctions against the blacks. They declared the country belonged to them equally with the whites and expressed a desire to live in peace.

Held on Murder Charge

New Haven, June 26.—Antonio Ozilio, an Italian, who is said to have stabbed Augustino D'Adamo through the heart during a quarrel over a debt of \$4, was held yesterday without bail for the next term of the superior court on a warrant charging murder in the first degree. He waived examination in the city court.

American Victims of Cholera

Manila, June 23.—Ninety American soldiers have died of cholera since the disease first broke out. The total of cases and deaths from the epidemic are: Manila, 1530 cases and 1230 deaths; provinces, 7369 cases and 5440 deaths.

Aloof From Old Associates

Northampton, Mass., June 27.—William B. Morton, who was recently sentenced to the house of correction for three years for forging notes and obtaining \$3500 from banks, was released yesterday. This time to state prison by his own request, as he wanted to go where his old associates could not visit him.

ARGUMENT ENDED

House Passes Philippine Civil Government Bill

ALMOST STRICT PARTY VOTE

Differences in Many Particulars From Measure Passed by Senate—Amendment to Ultimately Grant Self-Government Meets With Defeat

Washington, June 27.—At 8 o'clock last night, at the end of a nine-hour session, and of a debate lasting night and day for a week, the house passed the Philippine civil government bill, practically as it came from the committee. It was a party vote, 111-97, with the exception of Mr. McCall (Mass.), who voted with the Democrats. The minority substitute for the establishment of a temporary government in the islands and their permanent independence as soon as a stable government could be established, was defeated by 65 to 139.

The debate during the day was at times of a lively character. The Democrats offered a multitude of amendments, but all were voted down, including one to prohibit slavery or involuntary servitude in the islands.

The greatest interest attached to an amendment offered by Mr. McCall to declare the policy of the United States to develop the capacity of the Philippines for self-government and pledging the faith of the United States to grant them self-government. He supported the amendment in an eloquent speech and the Democrats challenged their political adversaries to declare their future policy. The amendment was lost, 59 to 128. It was a strict party vote, except for Mr. McCall and Mr. Littlefield (Conn.), who voted with the Democrats for the amendment.

One of the most important differences between the senate and house bills is that relating to currency. The senate provided a silver standard, somewhat in extension and perfection of that now in existence. The house measure provides a gold standard system, with the gold dollar of the United States as the standard unit of value for the islands. The main coin is to be the peso, made in silver, but of a gold value, and this is to be divided into subsidiary pieces of money bearing devices emblematic of American sovereignty. Provision also is made for a system of paper currency, banks and for a complete financial system.

In dealing with the grant of franchises, the house bill places many more restrictions on such grants than the senate bill. Both bills provide for acquiring the fish lands and for the issue of bonds sufficient to pay for these lands, the senate provision making the interest rate 4 1/2 percent and the house 5 percent. Both measures contain extended provisions relative to timber lands, harbor and internal improvements, and for two delegate commissioners chosen by the Philippines to represent them in Washington and have the privilege of the floor of the house.

Dewey Talks on Manila

Washington, June 27.—Admiral Dewey made a statement before the senate committee on the Philippines yesterday concerning the early operations at Manila, when he was in command of the American naval forces in Philippine waters. The admiral's statement contributed an important addition to the history of the surrender of the city of Manila. This consisted of a positive statement by the admiral to the effect that the city had been surrendered to him at the time that the Spanish fleet was sunk and that when the city did surrender it was in pursuance of a definite understanding between himself and the Spanish governor general. The admiral told of his relations with Aguinaldo and said he never recognized the government of the Philippines. He took little stock in the usefulness of the natives.

Murder and Suicide at Springfield

Springfield, Mass., June 26.—Mrs. Antonio Mueller, wife of a German brewer, was shot and killed yesterday in her home on Main street by Joseph Becker, a tobacco sorter. The murderer committed suicide by shooting. A friend said that Becker has been jealous because the woman would not concentrate her affections upon him, and that he had frequently said he would shoot her.

Charged With Killing Negro

Springfield, Mass., June 21.—John Healy, a vegetable peddler, was arrested last night on the charge of manslaughter. It is charged by the police that last Saturday evening he met a colored man, Wilson Burrell, and saying: "Want to see me hit a nigger," struck Burrell, knocking him to the pavement. Burrell died from a fracture of the skull.

General Strike of Miners Probable

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 25.—A prominent district officer, in discussing the probable action of the special national convention at Indianapolis, says: "The anthracite delegates will go to the convention instructed to vote solidly for a general strike of the soft coal miners. I am of the opinion that the convention will order a general strike."

Two Men Instantly Killed

Boston, June 27.—Two men, who were attempting to board a freight train at Cottage Farm last night, were struck by an express and instantly killed. One of them, about 25 years old, it is thought may have been Frank Ashley of Haverhill. The other, apparently about the same age, had nothing about him that furnished a clue to his identity.

The Hebrews of Boston are agitated greatly because it is believed that vandals have desecrated their burial ground. The police have been informed that the cemetery gates have been broken, signs removed and a grave dug and refilled. The opening of a grave is an act of desecration, according to the religious tenets of the Hebrews.

ANTI-IMPERIALISTS

Charge That Path in Our Part in the Treatment of Cuba

Boston, June 27.—The New England Anti-Imperialist league held a public meeting in Faneuil hall last night, with Donke Cockran of New York as the speaker. One of the objects of the meeting was to formulate a demand that representative Filipinos be permitted to come to this country and lay their case before the American people. It was well attended and enthusiasm was manifested in cheers at salient points of the speeches, and for Senator Hear, although there was one slight ripple of friction by a deep-voiced man who for a time persisted in calling for cheers for "Theodore Roosevelt, the grandest man who ever lived." He subsided, however, and the gathering was all attention to Mr. Cockran's words.

Mr. Cockran spoke with great earnestness. He alluded to the war as having been forced on a reluctant administration by a people passionate to the desire to free Cuba from Spanish oppression, and then he took Cuba as the text for his remarks upon the effects and disfiguring characteristics of imperialism. He charged bad faith in the treatment of Cuba, for in the face of a promise of independence to the people of that island, the Cubans had, he said, been deprived of the very essence of independence, the authority to preserve order among themselves and to make treaties with foreign powers. An oppression of the Cubans, he contended, had been more scientific, more drastic, and more terrible than that of Spain, because it was being undertaken for the purpose of enriching a syndicate.

The treatment of the Filipinos by the United States, Mr. Cockran declared, was the blackest page in history, for we had turned our guns upon them after accepting them as allies.

Raptures Interrupted

Boston, June 27.—Demonstrations against the bride-elect by relatives and countrymen prevented a wedding at St. Joseph's Catholic church in the west end last night. The bride-elect was given police protection for a while, and later she and her fiance were enabled to meet and then disappeared. It is said, to go to New York on the midnight train for the purpose of having the marriage ceremony performed. The young woman was Jennie Finkelstein, aged 22, and the man of her choice, John Reigan, aged 25. The relatives of the young woman could not be reconciled to her marriage outside the Jewish faith and they made all manner of trouble.

Working on the Clark Case

Beverly, Mass., June 27.—Officers Rhodes, Neal and Hammond of the state police were sent yesterday to Chelmsford, in Essex, to investigate the mysterious disappearance of William Clarke, 4 years old. The officers are working on several clues. The Beverly police received word at night that a coachman at Beverly farms had seen a man coming from a brickyard at Manchester accompanied by a boy answering the description of the Clark child. They will investigate the story.

Alleged Theft of \$52,000 in Bonds

Boston, June 27.—Frederick S. Donnell was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with the larceny of bonds valued at \$52,000. Harry R. Wepel is the complainant, and he says he represents men interested in the Winnebago Traction company of Oshkosh, Wis., of which Donnell is president. Hall was accused for Donnell by his family. He declined to talk and all the police know is that the case has something to do with organizing the company.

Sashua's Municipal Mudbo

Sashua, N. H., June 27.—Mayor Taylor has discharged Commissioner of Streets Winslow as the result of a controversy between the mayor and the street commissioner over the matter of hiring city teams, and a lawsuit against the city will be the probable outcome. The controversy involves the question whether there is legally existing here a board of public works, of which Mayor Taylor claims to be chairman.

A lively fire in the saloon of the steamer City of Jacksonville, lying at Boston, caused damage to the extent of about \$5000.

The Attleboro, Mass., board of health fears there will be an epidemic of swinepox, as many persons have been exposed to the contagion.

William J. Rexford, 69 years old, was struck by an express train near Auburn, R. I., and instantly killed.

Lucius F. Buldwin, a wealthy retired inventor, died suddenly at Groton, Conn., of heart failure. He was 69 years old.

Congressman Kittredge Haskins of Brattleboro was unanimously renominated at the Vermont Second District Republican congressional convention.

A Spanish cannon taken from Admiral Cervera's flagship Merik Theresa and presented to Anna Warner Bailey chapter, D. A. R., by the United States government, was unveiled at Groton, Conn.

The Massachusetts society of New York has been placed on a permanent basis. H. L. Bridgman was elected chairman and F. M. Dowd, secretary.

The opening session of the American Library association at Magnolia, Mass., was made noteworthy by the announcement that a gift of \$100,000 had been received from Andrew Carnegie for the preparation and publication of reading lists and indexes.

Among the prizes awarded at the graduation exercises of the Fryeburg (Me.) academy was a gold medal for the best debater. It was presented to Miss Elsie Gerry of the class of 1902.

The famous famous Rigby trotting park at Portland, Me., was sold at auction for \$9000. The purchaser was John E. Barnham. He says the park will not be used for horse racing any more.

Judge Lavant M. Read, one of the leading members of the bar in Vermont, died at his home at Hellows Falls. He served in the war of the rebellion.

The trustees of the Clinton, Mass., Hospital association, in behalf of the institution, have been offered \$2500 from John Thayer of Boston to be used in the erection of a dormitory for the members of the hospital training school for nurses.

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